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European Publication No. 0197675, published October 15, 1986 (corresponding to Japanese Application No. 61-269854A);
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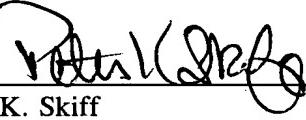
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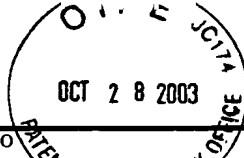
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